Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Harold and Betty (Schaefer) Dean exchanged their wedding vows on March 5, 1944, in the George and Effie Schaefer home at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Harold and Betty gave life and love to four sons, Tom, Larry, Dick, and Greg, who went on to procreate eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Harold and Betty continue to farm and ranch, are members of the Templeton United Church of Christ, and are active in the Republican Party, Jerauld County Farm Bureau, and the State and National Polled Hereford Association; and,

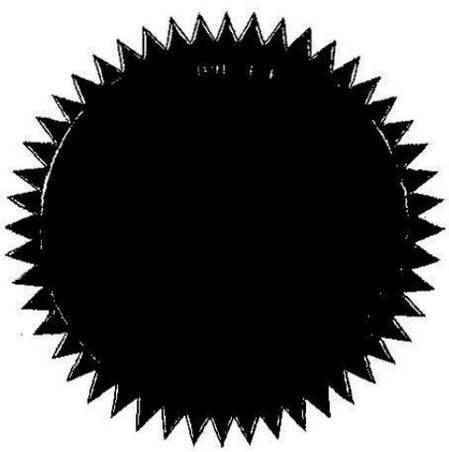
Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Harold and Betty have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Harold and Betty will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary at an open house on March 13, 2004, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2004, as

HAROLD AND BETTY DEAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State